(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor togetherwith the action to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Casinos have been set up at Kullu and Manali in Himachal Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure on old monuments in Sibsagar District of Assam

1757. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any expenditure to bring Sibsagar District of Assam, which has some old monuments, under the tourist map of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action is being taken for development of Majuli?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourist centres/places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, Central Department of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritised in consultation with them.

For the year 2001-2002, a project for development of tourist facility

at Sibsagar Dargah has been prioritised for Rs. 20.00 lakhs. In addition the following projects for development of Sibsagar have been sanctioned:

1. Provision of wayside amenities for Rs. 20.00 lakhs during 1999-2000.
2. Upgradation of Tourist Lodge for Rs. 15.00 lakhs during 2000-2001.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The project for preparation of feasibility study for tourist facilities at Garamur Majuli was sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs on 15.5.2000 and Rs. 5.00 lakhs were released as advance to Assam Tourism Development Corporation for the above report. Inspite of several reminders sent to the State Government, the feasibility report has not been received.

Tourism under Concurrent List

1758. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring Tourism under the Concurrent List;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete steps are being taken to remove dirt and filth, the beggars and unsanitary conditions in places of tourist interest so as to attract more tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The advantage of inclusion of 'tourism' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution is to provide both the Central and the State Governments with constitutional power to deal with problems of the tourism sector.

(c) Up-keeping of places of tourist interest is the responsibility of Local Municipalities and State Governments. However, Central